

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Donald Lucas on 10-20-2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 5, line 8, the following paragraph has been added after "both directions":

--, wherein the elastic laminar body is stiffened by a longitudinal middle band and a pair of traverse end bands, one of the pair of end bands located at a level of a toe-cap and the other of the pair of end bands side in a rear side area of sector corresponding with a sole of a foot, the end bands connected to both the upper of the footwear and to the outer sole--.

In claim 5, line 3, --sole—has been added after "outer".

Claim 6 has been canceled.

In claim 7, line 1, "6" has been changed to —5--.

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